

Amendments to the specification

Please amend the paragraph on page 8, lines 32 -33, by deleting the last word and amend the paragraph on page 8, lines 34-35 by changing the period at the end of the sentence to a comma.

FIG. 4 is a greatly enlarged view showing the marking which is produced by stamping and which is disposed firstly on the material web, then on the blank and finally on the packaging, [[and]]

FIG. 5 diagrammatically shows the rhombus in the central part of the marking in FIG. 4, the stamping lines being shown by continuous lines[[.]],

Please add the following paragraphs immediately after line 35 on page 8,

FIG. 6A is a greatly enlarged plan view showing the marking and an imaginary line Z-Z, and

FIG. 6B is a cross-sectional view of the marking along imaginary line Z-Z.

Please add the following paragraph immediately after line 3 on page 11,

Referring to FIG. 6A, an imaginary line Z-Z passes through marking 11 and intersects short sides, 28 and 28', transverse sides, 30 and 30', and rhombus sides, 35 and 35'. The cross-sectional view of marking 11 along imaginary line Z-Z is demonstrated in FIG. 6B. In FIG. 6B, short sides, 28 and 28', transverse sides, 30 and 30', and rhombus sides, 35 and 35' are formed by stamped lines by the process according to the invention, in such a way that the cross-section of the material after the stamping operation is U-shaped. The overall thickness of the material 2 into which marking 11 is stamped maintains a substantially uniform thickness, whether it is adjacent or within the area which is stamped.